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- 1. SCHULZ OF FRG AID MINISTRY TOLD US THAT, IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST FROM THE BUNDESTAG PROTOCOL OFFICE, HE HAD PROVIDED SHORT BRIEFING PAPERS ON THE FRG VIEW OF THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE IDA SITUATION TO MEMBERS OF THE FRG BUNDESTAG DELEGATION WHO WILL BE VISITING WASHINGTON APRIL 8-11. THIS DELEGATION IS BEING LEAD BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE BUNDESTAG, ANNE-MARIE RENGER.
- 2. SCHULZ SAID IT IS HIS HOPE THAT THE FRG
 PARLIAMENTARIANS WOULD IMPRESS ON THEIR COUNTERPARTS
 IN THE US SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES HOW
 IMPORTANT IT IS FOR THE SENATE TO APPROVE THE US IDA
 CONTRIBUTION AT THE LEVEL AGREED TO IN NAIROBI.
 SCHULZ SAID HE NOTED IN THESE BRIEFING PAPERS THAT A
 NEGATIVE VOTE IN THE SENATE OR EVEN A REDUCTION IN
 THE US CONTRIBUTION (ASSUMING THE HOUSE OF
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REPRESENTATIVES REVERSES ITS VOTE) WOULD KILL THE

NAIROBI AGREEMENT.

3. IN A RELATED COMMENT SCHULZ NOTED THAT THE DETAILED REPORTS FROM THE FRG EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON ON THE SENATE SITUATION AND POSSIBLE ADMINISTRATION STRATEGY TO GET THE IDA LEGISLATION THROUGH THE CONGRESS, CONTAIN EXPRESSIONS OF ONLY "MUTED OPTIMISM" ON THE CHANCES FOR SUCCESS IN CONGRESS. HILLENBRAND

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